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The date on the label on your paper shows the time to which your subscription is paid.

It is amusing to see many of our contemporaries crying out for a repeal of the Sherman bill. It may be a broad assertion, yet it is a fact that but only a very few know why they want it repealed.

The New York Press, the other day published a list of securities giving the prices they brought before Cleveland was inaugurated, and their present market value. This list gave the startling intelligence that during the past few months they had depreciated upwards of a billion and a half of dollars—and the people wanted a change. If we are permitted to make a pun, the people will have very little "change" left before many months at that rate of depreciation.

The annual conference of the Christian Endeavor Societies, of this country and Canada is in session this week at Montreal. There are about twenty thousand in attendance, representing over a million members. This great assembly of Christian young people of all shades of ecclesiastical training, is an impressive exhibition of the unity that is growing in the Christian church. Many experienced teachers and able preachers from all parts of the country are among the speakers at the convention, and the exchange of ideas and views from the many different stand points will benefit all who are within reach of its influence.

UPON the suggestions of the press at large, President Cleveland has issued a call for a special session of Congress to convene on August 7. It is the most sensible move yet made by the President to put the government on a more settled basis. The panicky feeling that has agitated the whole country, has placed everything in a peculiar position, and it is the duty of the Administration to outline its policy so that we may have something to look forward to. It is hoped that this session will bring order out of chaos; that our manufacturing and financial interests will not suffer further from the unsettled state of affairs.

MIDDLETOWN can congratulate herself upon the magnificent showing she made on the Fourth. The decorations were fine, the parade was all that could be anticipated, the music was inspiring, the orations more than was expected, and the whole celebration eclipsing anything ever given in Middletown. The throng of visitors who invaded our town was orderly, and that rough and disagreeable element that generally characterizes public gatherings was absent. To the Junior American Mechanics of our town belongs the honor of this excellent entertainment, and assisted by the Volunteer Hose Company who contributed their mite to making the parade such a success.

The selection of a national flower is one of the important matters which the Board of Lady Managers of the World's Fair have in charge. The committee appointed by the Board opened a booth near one of the entrances of the Woman's Building on the Fourth, where the popular vote will be received. Two young ladies have been appointed to register the vote, which will be announced from day to day. It has long been a matter of regret that while England had her rose and France her lily, America had no emblematic flower. And now, through the efforts of the women of the country, an opportunity is afforded the people to express their choice of a flower that shall combine the qualities that will make it a national flower in the true sense. It should be a native plant, and one that grows and thrives all over the country. It should not only be ornamental but convenient for bouquets or buttonholes. There have been many flowers suggested, prominent among them are the "White Clover," the "Violet," "Sunflower," and the "Maize." But to our mind the Goldenrod leads them all. You will find it all over the country. In the wild wood, along the roadside, and in the choicest gardens where the choicest species grow, it lifts its majestic form in all its grace and beauty, a fitting emblem of America in its hardness, its adaptability and its success.

The Sunday opening of the World's Fair thus far has proven a failure. The working people in whose interests it was presumably opened, are conspicuously absent on that day, and the attendance is made up principally from the well-to-do classes. It was a libel upon American labor to say it wanted Sunday opening. The action of the local World's Fair directory was dictated purely from monetary considerations. No where and at no time have the tempering influences of the Sabbath been more sorely needed than in Chicago this year of 1893. The wholesale desecration of the Sabbath in that wicked city is a sad comment upon our civilization in this memorable year of our history. The American citizen has always been proud of the Christian observance of

the Sabbath throughout this country and it is now for the better elements of our population to check the spirit that abounds in the land that is in avowed opposition to it. The newspapers all over the country have not been slow to express an opinion upon the action of the directory in the Sunday question and while many favor the action, many more condemn it. The Michigan Christian Advocate says: "The Michigan Tribune was a visitor in town this week and gave the TRANSCRIPT a pleasant call. The objects of this movement are set out at length by the Tribune as follows:

The remarkable success of THE NEW YORK TRIBUNE Fresh-Air Fund is a proof of the old saying that "still waters run deepest." It is not a charity that is loudly advertised and flaunted before the public; there is no complex organization of wheels within wheels; like the Kingdom of Heaven it comes without observation; but when the season is ended and the results are tabulated, it is invariably found to be one of the most economically administered and most effective agencies of the practical benevolence of this philanthropic age. Last year the receipts were \$324,15, voluntarily contributed by readers of THE TRIBUNE and friends of the charity without a single begging letter or an impudent appeal. The results accomplished were extraordinary. The number of poor children sent for a fortnight's vacation in the country was 15,207, their travel including a total mileage of 4,424,500. The number carried on day excursions, the expense of which was met by one man, was 25,500, making a total of 40,827 benefited by the season's work of the Fund.

There are many benevolent associations with elaborate lists of directors and committees and empty treasures and bazaar records of work accomplished that might study with profit the methods employed by the Fresh-Air Fund. The secrets of its financial prosperity and unfailing efficiency are simplicity of organization and economy of management. There are no salaries drawn at the expense of the Fund. There is no clerical staff; there is neither leakage nor waste. Every dollar contributed is applied directly to the travelling expenses of the children and their conductors, with a small allowance for medical examinations, postage and necessary arrangements for securing homes in the country. As board is not charged by the generous families who entertain the children, and as the railway corporations make large reductions in transportation, the average cost of a vacation is very low, being \$2.70 for 109,517 children who have enjoyed the benefits of the Fresh-Air Service during the last sixteen years. In economy and business management no other popular charity can compete with the Fresh-Air Fund. The public is impressed with this fact, and overwhelms the Fund with its patronage year after year.

What rattled him? Why, the avalanche of petitions from all sections and from all classes of citizens, asking that Congress be called together at once many of them telling him in politico-language that if he failed to do so he would by that failure assume personal responsibility for any further damage that might be done through the continued financial stringency. Added to these petitions were the opinions of the members of his cabinet, who had themselves been under the same sort of pressure, that August must be substituted for September, and in the language of one of them, "the old man got rattled and threw up the sponge, issued the proclamation and left for Buzzard's Bay before it was made public."

Republicans are as a rule glad that the extra session has at last been called. They have from the first been of the opinion that the sooner the Democratic Congress got together the better it would be for the country, as the worst possible legislation would not be any more disastrous than the dread and uncertainty of coming legislation which has pervaded business circles from the first day of the present administration, and with Congress in session public opinion will have an opportunity to at least try to influence legislation.

There is a leaven of common sense at work among the Democratic Congressmen on the tariff question that later on may produce good results. One of them, who because he is not ready at this time to openly oppose the leaders of his party forbids the use of his name, said to me: "I shall gladly vote for the repeal of the Sherman Silver law, because I have always been opposed to it, but I do not consider it the principal cause of our financial troubles. The fear of disturbances in the tariff has had much more to do with it, and I believe that if Mr. Cleveland would publicly state his intention to veto any tariff bill which cuts the present rates sufficiently to injure any American industry that within sixty days confidence would be completely restored and the country again prosperous." While it isn't certain that he will do so, there is a contingency which this Congressmen will publicly state these views on the floor of the House.

Another political debt incurred during the campaign was settled by the appointment of J. F. Tillman, of Tenna, to be Register of the Treasury. Mr. Tillman was promised a good place if he would use his influence as secretary of the Tennessee Farmer's Alliance to head the populists in that state and absorbing the alliance. The promise was made by Senator Gorman, but the "good place" was not forthcoming until almost a row was kicked up by Tillman and his friends. This is the position which General Rosecrans was allowed to keep during the entire Harrison administration. His health compelled him to resign it a few weeks ago. Mr. Tillman was either misrepresented or he broke his word in connection with this affair, as he was reported to have said weeks ago that no one but an old soldier should have it. Mr. Tillman isn't an old soldier.

It is announced that the administration is determined that members of the Metropolitan police of this city who are drawing pensions shall either give up their pension or their position as policemen. It has not yet, however, determined that the Democratic member of the cabinet, the Democratic Janitors and the Democratic Representatives who are drawing pensions or their offices. The pension pretensions are in line with its numerous other pretensions.

**MIDSUMMER CHARITY.**  
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Another secret of the success of this simple, well-organized charity is the broad, catholic principle on which it is conducted. It knows neither creed nor nationality nor race. Every form of religious faith is represented in the families from which the children are taken. Among the young travellers who found their way to country homes last year were American, English, Scotch, Irish, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Swedish, Swiss, Russian, Greek, Syrian and many of the colored race. The only requirements are that a child shall be poor and clean.

The Fresh-Air Fund takes account only of the misery and pathos of neglected child life in great cities during the inclement heat of midsummer. Its philosophy is that a child's a child for a' that and a' that. It carries out with a heaven-wide charity and catholicity the great commission: "Whosoever shall receive this child in My name receiveth Me; and whosoever shall receive Me receiveth Him that sent Me."

The Fresh-Air Fund will begin the new season's operations this week with a balance of over \$8,000 in the treasury, of which a large portion was received last year too late to be used.

This enables us to point the moral that all who desire to contribute to the Fund this year should be forehanded in their generosity. Money that is sent in at the close of the season has to be idle during the winter. With the bulk of the subscriptions well in hand early in the season the work is greatly facilitated, parties are enlarged and multiplied, and the children get their outing in the hottest and most sultry weather, when they are in urgent need of it. We have no cause to make a special appeal to our readers for the support of this work. I stand upon its merits and its record, and it is their peculiar institution. We merely emphasize the necessity for prompt remittances from all who have interested themselves in this beautiful charity.

**PRIZES EACH WEEK.**

Will be awarded for the best original articles on agricultural subjects. Each issue will contain a page devoted to practical and useful hints.

The Women's Department will be unceasing in practical suggestions to make the home more comfortable.

Every week there will be a special article on topics of human interest, and a weekly column of news stories for the Weekly Herald. Mrs. Jerome Stepiak, Mrs. Grimes, Mrs. C. Charles W. Welsh, of the City of Wilmingon, and the special partner and the special partner are Alfred S. Elliott and the general objects of the partnership are to carry on the trade and business of

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